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A number of miscellaneous and lyrical pieces follow, some of which we had seen before; but the first, from which we have quoted so largely, is, we think, decidedly the best. On the whole, we think this little volume possesses powerful claims on the patronage of the Irish public, and especially on the inhabitants of Mr. Callanan's native city, the queen of the South, the star of Munster, so justly celebrated for its literary taste and acumen.

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

An English Spelling Book, containing all the common words in the language. To which is prefixed an Introduction, in three parts; exhibiting, I. The sounds of the letters. II. The quantities of syllables. III. A rhythmical classification of words. With an appendix, containing several useful tables, by the Rev. Richard Roe, A. B. Author of the *Principles of Rhythm in Speech and Music*.—Dublin, W. Curry, Jun. and Co.

The distinguishing characteristics of this spelling-book are, in a great measure, apparent from its title; as it contains all the common words of our language, under such an arrangement as shows, with scientific exactness, all their oral properties of sound, quantity, and rhythm, and all their written analogies and anomalies. We know not any objection that can be made to the author's plan, which he has not obviated in his preface. Subjoined to the work are five useful tables: I. Different spelling and the same pronunciation. II. Different pronunciation and the same spelling. III. Unsettled spelling. IV. Unsettled pronunciation. V. Unsettled spelling and pronunciation—the first of which only we have seen elsewhere. After these remarks, it is needless to say we recommend the book, which, on the whole, comprises so much new, and at the same time necessary matter, as serves to teach the teacher, for which, indeed, we think it chiefly adapted, as well as to furnish him with the means of teaching others; it is also calculated to afford more assistance to foreigners, we think, than is to be obtained even from most pronouncing dictionaries.

A compendious German Grammar, with a dictionary of prefixes and affixes. By A. Bernays.—London, Treuttel, and Co.

This is a "nice little book," of 60 small square pages. The notes and tables respecting the genders and declensions seem much more simple and concise than we have ever seen them made before, and those on syntax are clear though brief. We trust and believe that the shortness and simplicity of this little work, will tempt many to make acquaintance with the noblest of continental languages, who have hitherto been deterred by the fear of encountering on the threshold a long and formidable grammar. M. Bernays was the editor of the German Poetical Anthology.

A Compendium of Modern Geography. By the Rev. Alex. Stewart. Second Edition, thoroughly revised and extended. 12mo. pp. 300.—Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd—and Simpkin and Marshall, London.

Mr. STEWART is well known in Scotland, as a most successful compiler of elementary books

of instruction. The present work is calculated to sustain and advance his reputation. It is clear, brief, and for its purpose, sufficient. The most recent information is uniformly, and, as far as we examined, accurately given. After the leading features of each country have been set down, with remarks and exercises upon them, the rest of the less important details are thrown into the gazeteer form, an arrangement which adds considerably to the facility of reference. The book is illustrated by ten maps, and is a very cheap as well as excellent compendium of geography.

A Concise System of Mathematics. By Alexander Ingram. 2nd Edition.—Edinburgh, Oliver and Boyd; and Simpkin and Marshall, London. 8vo. pp. 432.

THIS is a concise course of practical mathematics. It contains the elements of geometry, algebra, plane and spherical trigonometry, mensuration of surfaces, solids, heights, and distances, land surveying, measuring of tradesmen's work, with something of logarithms, conic sections and fluxions. It is a work of practical utility, containing all that is necessary on these subjects to the measurer or mechanic, arranged in a clear and accurate manner. To all whose business or inclination inclines them to apply the principles of mathematics to practice, we can warmly recommend this as a valuable guide.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

1. *The Christian Examiner and Church of Ireland Magazine*. No. 57. March, 1830.

THE miscellaneous department of this ably conducted Magazine, is the only one which comes legitimately within the province of our review. This month it is exceedingly good. We refer especially to the first paper under this head, which is the reply of C. O. to Laicus Corcagiensis, who accused him, in a letter to the Editor, of romancing, and Romanism and what not—because, in an article on church reform in a preceding number, he had ventured

to censure the proceedings of the lay-meeting, at which Lord Mountcashel presided, in Cork. The reply of C. O. is at once argumentative and racy. While he deprecates, as he should, the most distant idea of giving offence to so excellent a nobleman as Lord Mountcashel, he regrets, even for the respect he bears him, that he had not left the whole weight of reforming our church establishment, to those who could better spare their time for such unprofitable speculations—to the feeless physicians, the briefless lawyers, the deserted beef-coopers, and desolate dry-salters of Cork. There is a rich vein of dry humour and caustic sarcasm, at the expense of his Corcagian antagonist, pervading the entire paper, which, though evidently tempered and subdued, by the writer's recollection

of what was due to his character and avowed profession of a churchman, still bubbles up in spite of him, in odd illustrations and roguish expressions, which render the article a very amusing, as well as spirited and sensible one. No. 4, of the Sketches of the Irish Peasantry, by Wilton, is in the usual graphic style of accurate delineation in which that writer excels.

2. *The Dublin Monthly Magazine*. No. 3. For March, 1830.

A very respectable number, in which we are glad to see, that our hint of taking up politics has been adopted, though, not at all in the manner we should think most interesting. It is not long-winded treatises on free trade and political economy, that will attract and gratify the readers of such a miscellany, but practical papers, that apply at once to the current proceedings of the legislature, and evince a thorough knowledge of the measures and the men that are, even now, the objects of attention to the British nation.

The Limerick Monthly Magazine. No. 1.—March, 1830.

THE originators of this Magazine have kindly spared us the trouble, and to elderly gentlemen of settled habits, like ourselves, the unpleasantness, of making a new acquaintance. This was easily effected by a little judicious management, and we are happy to recognise, among the articles of the first number, the "old familiar faces" of many of those venerable friends, who have been going the rounds of the monthly and hebdomadal periodicals these forty years, and are thus endeared to us by early association.

Magazines of highest note and standing, however, on the other side of the channel too, have lately been a little given this way, and as this is but a first appearance, we reserve the more detailed expression of our opinion for a second number, which will, we hope, be an improvement on the first.

The London University Magazine, for March.

THIS excellent Magazine continues to be spiritedly and ably conducted. Amongst a great variety of interesting articles, there is one this month on our Irish University. To this subject, we are far from thinking that justice is done.—It is not true, as stated in the paper in question, that in Dublin University, three years are spent in reading portions of Euripides, Sophocles, Demosthenes, and Longinus. But the consideration of the system of education pursued in our University, is so important, that we shall reserve it for a special paper on the subject.

The British Magazine, for March.

THE British Magazine has been unfortunately so late in arriving to us, that we have only time and space to say, that we continue to think it one of the best as well as cheapest of British Magazines, and hope to see it speedily gain that extended circulation in this country, which it so richly deserves to meet with every where.

FOREIGN LITERATURE.

Mémorial de Sir Hudson Lowe, relatif à la captivité de Napoléon à Sainte-Hélène.—Paris, 1830.

WE promised our readers some account of this book, as it has excited considerable interest in Paris; so much so, indeed, that the copy with which we have been favoured, was not to be procured without difficulty, owing to the rapid sale of the work. So anxiously does the French people still hang with fond recollection upon that man, (as he is now emphatically styled,) that